

I am the Executive Director of MorningStar Mission Ministries, Inc. which is a homeless shelter located in Joliet, IL. We also have 2 thrift stores one in Joliet and one in New Lenox. As a homeless shelter we serve the greater Will County area. That being said 6 congressional district touch Will County so we are serving people from all of those districts.

The make-up of the people we serve is 31% White/Caucasian, 49% Black/African-American, 11% Hispanic/Latino and 3% other. 74% are male and 26% female. 6% are veterans. 38% High School Graduate, 38% some college or degree and 24% did not complete high school. 34% have a mental illness and 32% are chronically homeless. Most of the people register to vote from this location if they aren't registered from their last permanent address.

Obviously District 11 Rep. Bill Foster is very familiar with us as is District 16 Rep. Adam Kinsinger, District 14 Rep. Lauren Underwood. I've met with District 6 Rep. Sean Casten several times and District 2 Rep. Robin Kelly. District 3 Rep. Marie Newman has taken office during the pandemic so I have been unable to meet with her. I have been to Washington DC every year since District 1 has included Elwood, New Lenox and Manhattan. I have tried to get an appointment with him each year and have been unable except 2020 when I was able to speak with a staff member. It is so very unfortunate that someone who represents such a large area of our population won't see a constituent.

Rep. Rush has not been to nor spoken with the people he represents and then he makes statements to the press about developments in his district that people have fought very hard to keep out that he will make sure the development goes through. Rep. Rush certainly isn't speaking for the southern part of his district I'm sure doesn't even know where it is. Including it in his district is very unfair to the people we serve.